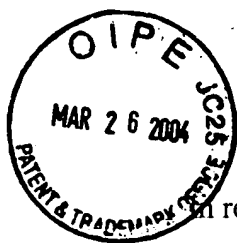


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In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 23, 2003 (Paper No. 12), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2004 please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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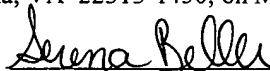
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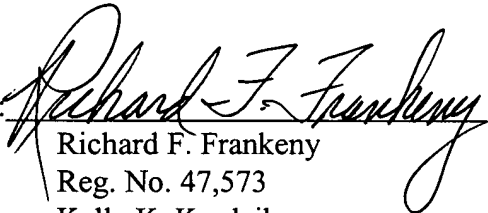
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